

Table 88. Home health care and hospice patients, according to selected characteristics: United States, 1992–96

[Data are based on a survey of current home health care and hospice patients]

<i>Type of patient and characteristic</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1996</i>
Home health care patients			
Total	1,232,200	1,879,510	2,427,483
Age at admission ¹ :	Percent distribution		
Under 65 years	24.1	27.2	27.5
65 years and over	75.9	72.8	72.5
65–74 years	24.5	22.0	21.8
75–84 years	34.0	31.1	33.9
85 years and over	17.5	19.7	16.7
Sex:			
Male	33.2	32.5	32.9
Female	66.8	67.5	67.1
Primary admission diagnosis ² :			
Malignant neoplasms	5.7	5.7	4.8
Diabetes	7.7	8.1	8.5
Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs	6.3	8.0	5.8
Diseases of the circulatory system	25.9	27.2	25.6
Diseases of heart	12.6	14.3	10.9
Cerebrovascular diseases	5.8	6.1	7.8
Diseases of the respiratory system	6.6	6.1	7.7
Decubitus ulcers	1.9	1.1	1.0
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	9.4	8.3	8.8
Osteoarthritis	2.5	2.8	3.2
Fractures, all sites	3.8	3.7	3.3
Fracture of neck of femur (hip)	1.4	1.7	1.3
Other	32.7	31.8	34.6
Hospice patients			
Total	52,100	60,783	59,363
Age at admission ¹ :	Percent distribution		
Under 65 years	20.4	31.2	22.1
65 years and over	79.6	68.8	77.9
65–74 years	27.4	23.1	24.6
75–84 years	39.1	29.0	31.9
85 years and over	13.0	16.7	21.4
Sex:			
Male	46.1	44.7	44.9
Female	53.9	55.3	55.1
Primary admission diagnosis ² :			
Malignant neoplasms	65.7	57.2	58.3
Malignant neoplasms of large intestine and rectum	9.0	8.0	4.0
Malignant neoplasms of trachea, bronchus, and lung	21.1	12.5	15.8
Malignant neoplasm of breast	3.9	4.8	6.2
Malignant neoplasm of prostate	6.0	5.9	6.6
Diseases of heart	10.2	9.3	8.3
Diseases of the respiratory system	4.3	6.6	7.3
Other	19.8	27.0	26.1

¹Denominator excludes persons with unknown age.²Denominator excludes persons with unknown diagnosis.NOTES: Current home health care and hospice patients are those who were under the care of their agency on any given day during the survey period. Diagnostic categories are based on the *International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification*. For a listing of the code numbers, see Appendix II, table VII.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, Division of Health Care Statistics. Data from the National Home and Hospice Care Survey.